gration and strengthening of sub-transmission & distribution systems in respect of projects cleared by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and Government of Orissa.

(d) The assistance sanctioned and released under APDRP for NCT of Delhi and Orissa during 2002-03 are as follows:

(Figures in Crores Rs.)

States	Assistance sanctioned	Fund released as on 31.3.03
NCT of Delhi	473.23	105.51
Orissa	296.11	54.35

Supply of improved toolkits to rural artisans of Karnataka

MOO. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally sponsored scheme of supplying improved toolkits to rural artisans was under implementation in rural areas of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries under the above schemes during 2001-02 and 2002-03?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Ministry is implementing Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) as an integrated self-employment programme since 1.4.1999 following the restructuring of erstwhile Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and allied schemes. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Supply of Improved Toolkits to Rural Artisans (SITRA) has been merged into the SGSY with effect from 1.4.1999. Therefore, SITRA is no more under implementation since 1.4.1999. However, under SGSY, rural artisans who form a significant segment of the rural society are being covered on priority.